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Spring invites us to begin again, to imagine, to build, and to stretch into who we are becoming. It's a season defined by momentum, and in that spirit, this issue of the *Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* celebrates creation, innovation, and personal growth in all forms.

Creation doesn't always look like something brand new. Sometimes it's the thoughtful reshaping of an idea, a path, or a perspective. Innovation, too, isn't limited to grand gestures. It often happens quietly, through curiosity, courage, and a willingness to try. And growth rarely follows a straight line. It asks us to learn, reflect, adapt, and keep moving forward, even when the outcome isn't clear yet.

Throughout this Spring 2026 issue's pages, you'll meet members who are doing just that: creating meaningful change, innovating within their communities and careers, and embracing growth at every stage of life. Their stories remind us that progress is personal, and that personal growth is an ongoing (maybe even lifelong) process.

As you read this issue, I hope you feel inspired to create boldly, think differently, and give yourself permission to grow right where you are planted.

Grounded in gratitude,

Bella

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NEWS, VIEWS, & STUFF YOU CAN USE

Welcome Back, Eta Chapter!

Eta Chapter at the University of Michigan once again received its charter on Sunday, March 29! Eta Chapter becomes Theta's 141st active college chapter.

Kappa Alpha Theta joins a vibrant Panhellenic community at the University of Michigan that includes 16 other organizations: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Delta Phi Epsilon, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Delta Tau, Sigma Kappa, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Michigan Associate Director FSL and Panhellenic Advisor Shannon Benson said, "147 years ago, Kappa Alpha Theta established its Eta Chapter as the first sorority at the University of Michigan, just nine years after the University began admitting women. Generations of members have thrived at Michigan because of the home they found in Theta. Having Theta return to campus is significant and exciting to our community. … Today, our Panhellenic community is the largest it has ever been and with women continuing to seek out this special experience at Michigan, it makes sense that Theta, who started it all, is back on campus offering a special place for new generations to become the best versions of themselves. Michigan Panhellenic and fraternity and sorority life are stronger today with Theta active and thriving."

Welcome back, Eta Chapter!

Beta Sigma Chapter *to be* Reestablished

Kappa Alpha Theta is eagerly preparing for the reestablishment of Beta Sigma Chapter at Southern Methodist University (SMU)! Beta Sigma Chapter will return to campus in fall 2026 immediately following the Panhellenic recruitment process.

Since Beta Sigma Chapter's closing in 2022, Kappa Alpha Theta staff have been in regular communication with SMU staff. The purpose of the relationship has been to monitor compliance with the organizational accountability agreement (OAA) on file and determine a mutually beneficial return timeline for Beta Sigma Chapter. Throughout this process, Theta and SMU staff have remained focused on shared expectations for accountability, safety, and a positive member experience. The reestablishment of Beta Sigma Chapter reflects a thoughtful, collaborative approach and a commitment to returning to campus with strong foundations in place.

Theta is eager to once again welcome home Beta Sigma Chapter! If you have questions, you may send an email to **smu@kappaalphatheta.org**.

Introducing Theta Travels

Kappa Alpha Theta is launching a new travel program in 2027! This program, designed in partnership with EF Go Ahead Tours, offers alumnae members opportunities to explore new destinations and create lifelong memories with Theta sisters.

EF Go Ahead Tours is an experiential group travel company dedicated to opening the world through language, travel, cultural exchange, and academic programs. It has partnered with many fraternity and sorority organizations to provide memorable travel experiences for their members.

The first trip will be "A Week in Greece: Athens, Mykonos, and Santorini," happening May 24-June 1, 2027. Stay tuned for more details on the Theta website and through other communication channels!

Maintaining Connections

Each college chapter (active and inactive) has an alumnae contact officer (ACO). It is this volunteer's responsibility to ensure that all the women from her chapter remain connected to Theta. She does this by finding lost Thetas: women for whom we no longer have a current address.

Technology has made the duties of this volunteer position easy to do from anywhere in the world. In fact, we have ACOs living in El Salvador and Germany! You can also be an ACO for a chapter other than your chapter of initiation. If you think this might be the volunteer role for you, check out the vacancies below and email **volunteerengagement@kappaalphatheta.org**.

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- **Theta Lambda/Rochester**

Chapter: ESTABLISHED

Inside the thoughtful, multi-year process of establishing (or reestablishing!) a Theta college chapter

When a new Theta chapter appears on a campus, it can feel almost magical. One year, there's no Theta house, no chapter Instagram, no bid day photos. Then suddenly, there are new members running home, alumnae cheering from the sidewalk, and a chapter building strong foundations.

But chapter establishment isn't magic. It's intentional, strategic, and deeply rooted in Theta's values, often unfolding over years before a single bid is ever extended.

Whether Theta is returning to a campus where it once thrived or establishing a chapter for the very first time, the process is designed to ensure long term success for members, the college/university, and the Fraternity itself. This is how it all comes together.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAMPUS

Every chapter begins with a question: Is this the right place for Theta now and for the future?

When considering a campus, Theta staff and volunteers evaluate a wide range of factors. Some are visible, like the strength of the Panhellenic community, the campus' recruitment structure, average chapter size, and the presence of alumnae in the area. Others exist a little more behind the scenes: institutional enrollment trends, academic reputation, administrative support for fraternity/sorority life, housing considerations, and campus risk factors.

Whenever possible, Theta prioritizes reestablishing chapters, especially on campuses where alumnae are still present and engaged. Celebrating a chapter's return alongside women who once wore the same letters while welcoming a new generation into sisterhood adds powerful meaning to the moment.

FROM OPPORTUNITY TO INVITATION

There are two primary paths that lead Theta to a campus.

In some cases, Theta enters into a return agreement at the time a chapter closes. These agreements, made with a university or a campus Panhellenic, outline the conditions under which Theta may return in the future. They require ongoing communication and, often, years of relationship building. When the timing is right, Grand Council votes to confirm the return and set the establishment timeline.

In other cases, a campus Panhellenic identifies a need for growth. That might be driven by rising enrollment, increased interest in sorority life, or the closure of another organization. When a campus opens for extension, the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) shares that opportunity with its member organizations. Interested organizations submit detailed applications and, typically, three are invited to campus to present who they are and why they're a strong fit. One organization is ultimately selected to establish.

Theta's approach is distinctive: Grand Council votes to charter a chapter before Theta even applies. That means when Theta staff submit materials or presents on campus, the commitment has already been made: if invited, Theta will say yes.

SETTING THE TIMELINE

Once an invitation is accepted or a return timeline confirmed, the real planning begins.

For return agreements, the timeline from confirmation to reestablishment is usually about a year. For NPC extension opportunities, it can be shorter or longer depending on when the invitation occurs and how it aligns with campus recruitment.

One best practice remains constant for Theta: Theta establishes in the same semester as the campus' primary recruitment whenever possible. That alignment gives new members the most integrated and equitable experience from day one.

From recruitment to installation, the process moves quickly (typically four to six weeks) as a new chapter transitions from potential members to initiated Thetas.

Of course, timelines can shift. Changes in campus recruitment schedules, major campus incidents, or even global events can delay plans—sometimes by an entire year. Flexibility is essential, and Theta staff and volunteers work closely with each college or university to determine what timing best serves the chapter's future.

THE INVESTMENT

Establishing a chapter is a significant financial commitment and one of the Fraternity's largest investments.

The most substantial cost is people. Theta hires professional staff (collegiate experience consultants) to live near the campus for two full academic years, providing hands on guidance as the chapter learns how to operate independently. Their salaries, housing, and transportation are all part of that investment.

Additional costs include marketing and outreach, recruitment events, alumnae engagement opportunities, advisor training, and a full bid day experience complete with gifts and Theta paraphernalia for every new member.

Then, there's installation weekend. The Fraternity purchases a full ritual set for the chapter, flies in a team of staff and volunteers to conduct initiation, hosts a celebration, and provides new member gifts. Installation alone can approach $75,000, reflecting the significance of formally welcoming a chapter into the Fraternity.

WHEN A CHAPTER HAS (OR DOESN'T HAVE) A HOUSE

Housing plays an important role in establishment planning, but it isn't required, and in many cases, it's intentionally avoided at first.

Theta is currently cautious about establishing chapters that require purchasing or building new facilities. New housing can place financial strain on a young chapter, creating stress instead of sisterhood. Across campuses, filling sorority houses is also becoming more challenging.

When Theta already owns a house, as in some reestablishments, that facility is often rented out while the chapter is closed. Renovations are planned carefully and aligned with the return timeline so that new members aren't required to sign room rental licenses on bid day. At the University of Michigan, for example, renovations will take place before members move in a year later, allowing the chapter to grow first, then transition into housing together.

Housing decisions also influence recruitment goals, ensuring chapters can meet occupancy needs when the time comes.

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BID DAY & BEYOND

Bid day for a new chapter looks and feels like bid day anywhere else on campus by design.

If the Panhellenic tradition is to literally run home, it's imperative that Theta's newest members do too, cheered on by alumnae and members of other sororities. Bid cards are signed by the Fraternity president. There are photos, food, activities, and moments meant to set the tone for the chapter's culture from the very beginning.

Behind the scenes, everything is planned by staff.

At the same time, the chapter's first advisory board is formed. The college district director (CDD) leads outreach, hosts an in person interest reception, conducts interviews, and assembles a board that will work alongside both the chapter's members and staff. Advisors receive dedicated training and gradually assume greater responsibility as the chapter grows.

For the first year, three staff members are based near the chapter. In the second year, that number is reduced to two. Afterward, staff continue to visit regularly, with content experts supporting specific initiatives. The transition to independence is intentional and gradual, designed to help the chapter learn not just what to do, but how to be a Theta chapter.

Throughout it all, partnership with the college/university and campus Panhellenic remains central. Open communication, mutual trust, and shared goals ensure the chapter becomes a strong, contributing member of the campus community.

MORE THAN A BEGINNING

Establishing a chapter isn't just about opening doors. It's about building something that lasts.

From the first conversations to installation day, Theta's approach reflects care for members, respect for institutions, and confidence in the Fraternity's future. Every new chapter carries Theta's history forward while creating space for new stories, new leaders, and new friendships.

And that's what makes each beginning worth the time, the effort, and the investment.

STITCHED *for* SUCCESS

Kate Stewart *and* the Power of Not Quitting

For many people, the holiday season brings special memories and traditions old and new. Memories might be of twinkling flecks of snow seen falling from frosty bedroom windows, collecting in soft drifts only to be rolled into smiling snowmen lining the yards of busy neighborhoods. Memories might be of kneading soft pastry dough, with flour covering kitchen surfaces, all while a sweet scent fills the air. Memories might be of humming holiday tunes in supermarket store aisles, opening the mailbox to find cards from friends far and wide, and curling up on the couch to watch a favorite holiday movie.

For **Kate Stewart, Beta Nu/Florida State**, one unique family tradition made her look forward to the holiday season every year. An Atlanta native, Kate grew up with her mother, father, and two older brothers. Kate remembers her dad as a businessman. He had a car phone and worked in a high rise downtown. "He worked a lot!" But his family always came first. Once a year, he would take his three children out to lunch, spending the whole time talking about how special their mother was and choosing the right gifts for her. The final gift, or a clue to the final gift of Christmas, was reserved for her mother and came in a small needlepoint stocking hung among the shiny ornaments on their tree.

“I don't remember us *not* doing this tradition,” Kate said.

“My mom always received the final gift of Christmas to say thank you for all she'd done for our family. And the gift, or a clue to it, went in the needlepoint stocking ornament that hung on our tree."

To Kate, this sweet gesture, the "bauble stocking," was one that she assumed all families participated in. At age 25, as she was decorating with her then-boyfriend, Peter, when he proposed to her over an ornament with the question, “Kate, will you marry me?” printed on its shiny surface. She asked him when she would get her own bauble stocking, only to realize that the tradition she looked forward to each season was one entirely made up by her parents. But that small holiday stocking was not something Kate wanted to keep all to herself; like the season of giving, she wanted to share it with others. The idea of the Bauble Stockings brand came to life.

In 2017, Kate began traveling around the world to find stitchers to create long-lasting heirloom stockings. She knew it would not be an easy process. Every single stocking she produces is made with intricate, unique, and colorful needlepoint stitches that would take an average person weeks to complete. Specifically, Bauble Stockings use 18 stitches per square inch. She knew that if the company she found was not fair trade—ensuring the employees were being paid and treated fairly while working in safe conditions—she would not want to move forward. Luckily, she found her answer in Good Threads Needlepoint in Haiti, a B Corp.

"I emailed them at 10:15 on a Tuesday night," Kate said. "I told them, 'Hey, this is what I want to do, and please don't steal my idea.' Turns out, no one will steal your ideas until you make money."

Kate's manufacturing partner, David Palmer, focused on employing single mothers. When Kate met him, he had 82 women stitching for his company. They now employ more than a thousand. Outside of fair trade, Kate continues to support philanthropic causes, which began as an incentive to attract guest artists in the early days of her business. Cold-calling, or cold-Instagram direct messaging, was one of the ways she grew her brand.

"I [had] no money to pay [them]," Kate said. "But I [told them], 'If you're willing to take a chance on me, we'll give 10% of the profit to your charity of choice.' So many people ignored me."

Nevertheless, it only took one artist to say yes and believe in her cause. Since then, Kate's business has not just taken off, but it has gone above and beyond her vision for what it could ever become. Over the last eight years, Bauble Stockings has achieved total sales of over $6.3 million and has donated more than $160,000 to charity through direct giving and guest artist collaborations. In December 2025, Kate reached her greatest feat yet: an appearance on one of ABC's most popular shows, *Shark Tank*.

Shark Tank receives a massive number of applicants, approaching 50,000 annually. However, only five or so companies appear in a single episode with fewer than 30 episodes or so per season. Needless to say, making the cut was going to be tougher than the pitch itself. After making it to the final round in 2020 and 2021 and getting cut, Kate did not let it deter her from her dreams, but instead used it as inspiration.

"I just kept applying," Kate said. "I applied every year."

After seven years of preparing, applying, crunching numbers, and hoping, Kate filmed her segment that aired on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025. Although a deal with any shark would have fulfilled her dreams, going in, something kept drawing her toward Barbara Corcoran.

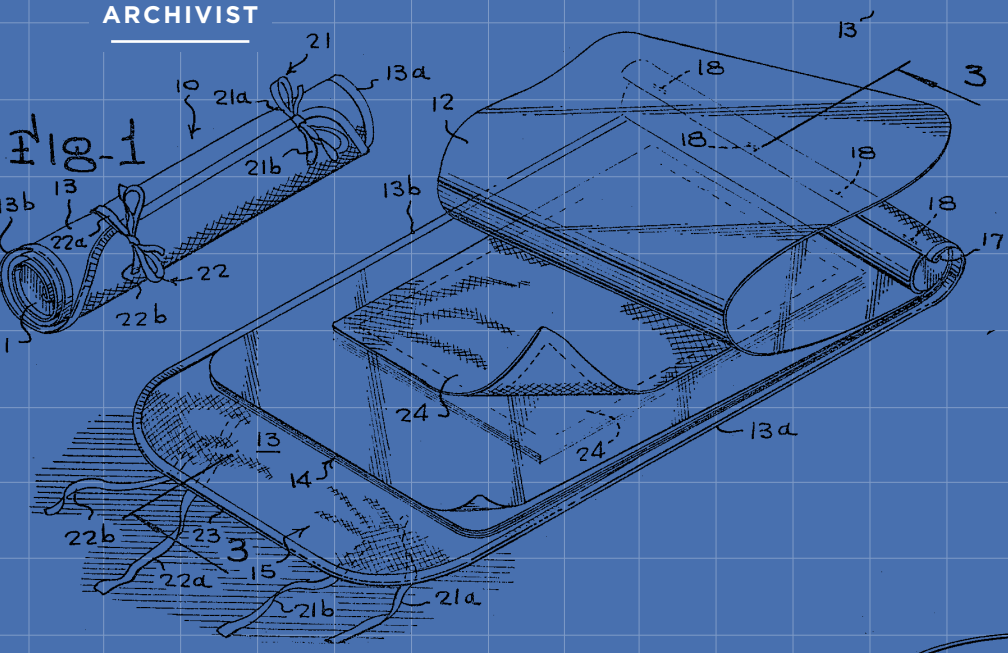
"I watched so many episodes, and I knew going in that Barbara was my best chance," Kate said. "She believes in women. She always votes on the person, not necessarily the business." Kate and Barbara did indeed strike a deal for a $250,000 investment in exchange for 20% of Kate's business.

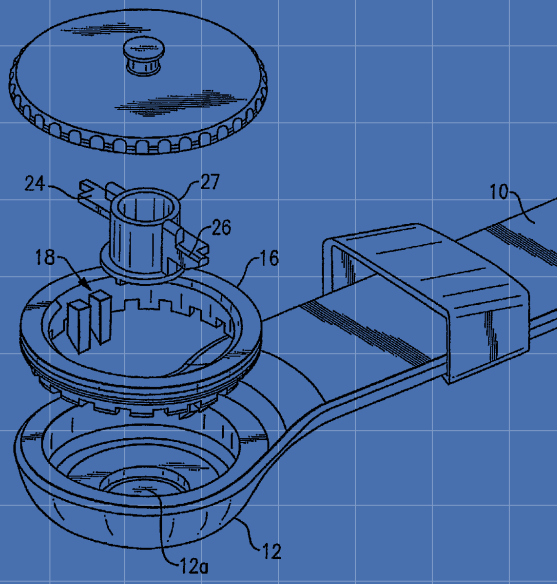
Kate's gravitation toward partnering with women leaders is not surprising, though. According to the 2024 Wells Fargo Impact of Women-Owned Business Report, women are rewriting what it means to be a business owner, representing a quarter of all owners and generating close to $3 trillion in revenue. While Kate's focus has always been holiday-driven, her dedication is reflected in year-round sales. None of her success, however, she says, would have been possible without the help of the leading women in her life.

"It [has] all been women supporting me because they want to *support other women*," Kate said. "It all comes back together to Theta."

Kate described the matriarchs of her family as "die-hard" Thetas. Having grown up attending Atlanta alumnae events and dinners, she quickly understood the power of sisterhood. Her closest Theta sisters became her bridesmaids, and even after all this time, she continues to chat with them every day in their Theta group chat.

"When I'm trying to get something to go viral, I send them a link like, 'Hey, can y'all go like and comment?' and sure enough, they do," Stewart said. "If I had thin skin, I would never have made it here. And my friends who support me fully support me."





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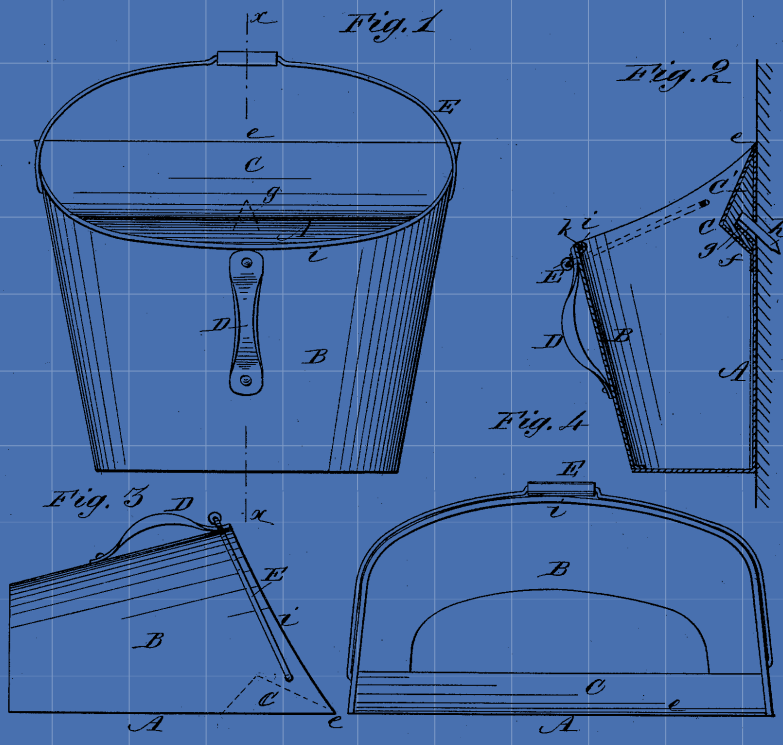
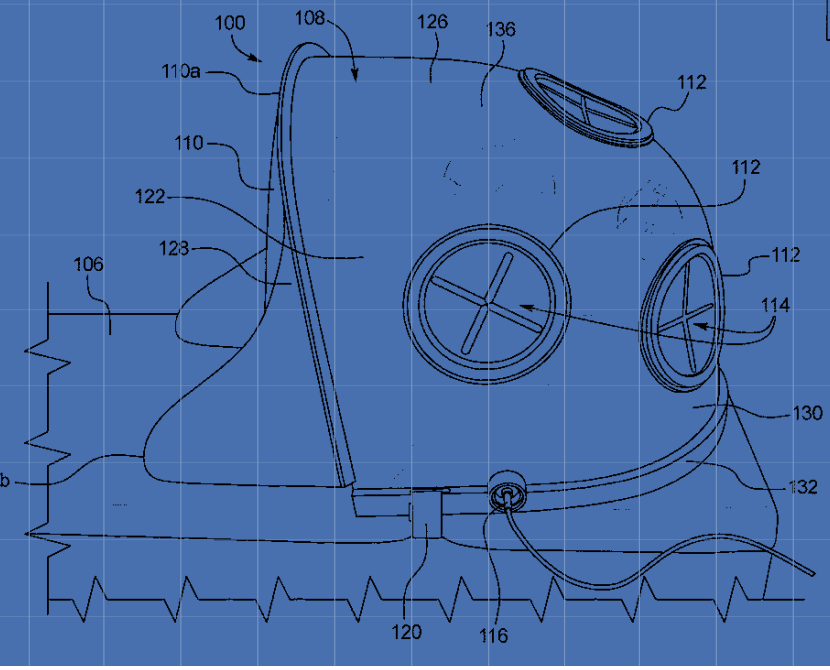
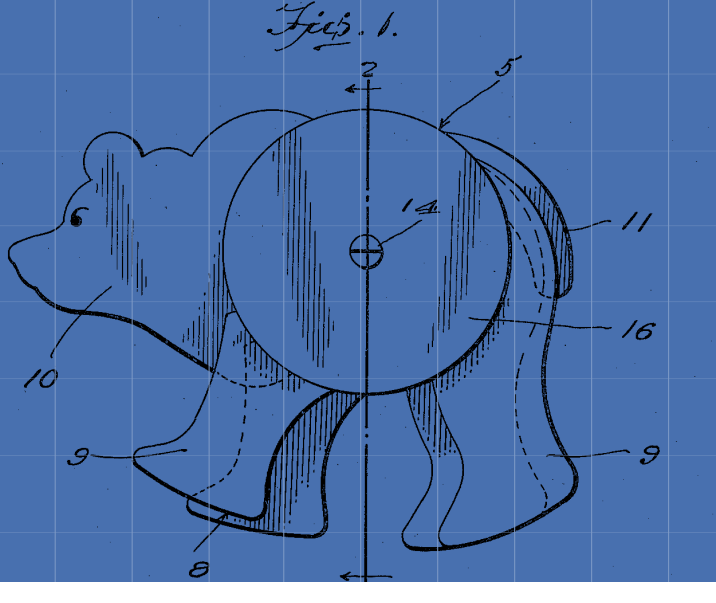
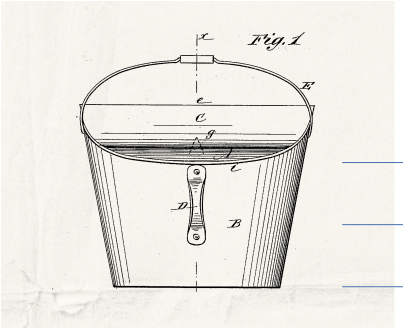






Innovation has always been part of the Theta story. Over generations, members have looked at the world around them and imagined something better or discovered something groundbreaking. From patented designs to everyday solutions to scientific discoveries, Theta inventors reflect the curiosity, intelligence, and determination that define our sisterhood. In these pages, we celebrate Thetas who turned ideas into existence.



Hannah Fitch Shaw

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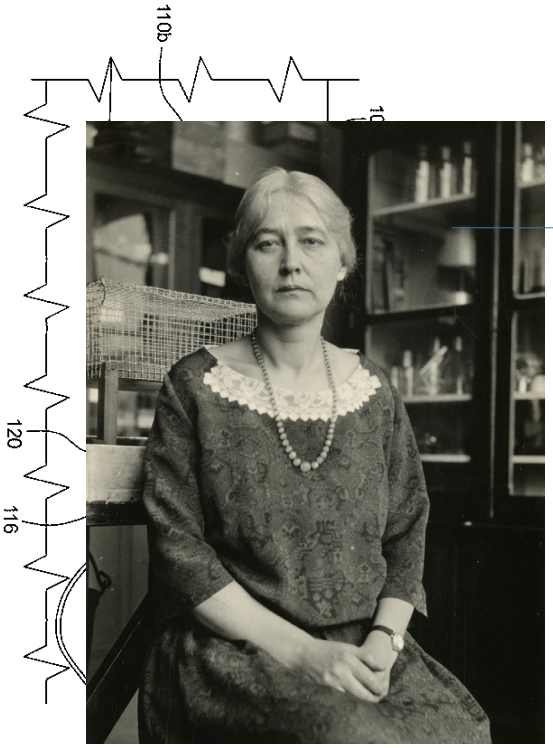
In addition to founding Kappa Alpha Theta, Hannah was an inventor! In 1886, she received a U.S. patent for an improved dustpan. It is unknown if this item was ever manufactured and sold.



Maud Lenora Menten

SIGMA/TORONTO

Maud is co-credited for the Michaelis-Menten equation, a biochemistry formula discovered in 1913 about enzyme kinetics that is still used today. Maud was a chemist and physician. She did her undergraduate work and medical education at the University of Toronto, and she received her PhD from the University of Chicago. She worked most of her career as a professor and researcher at the University of Pittsburgh.

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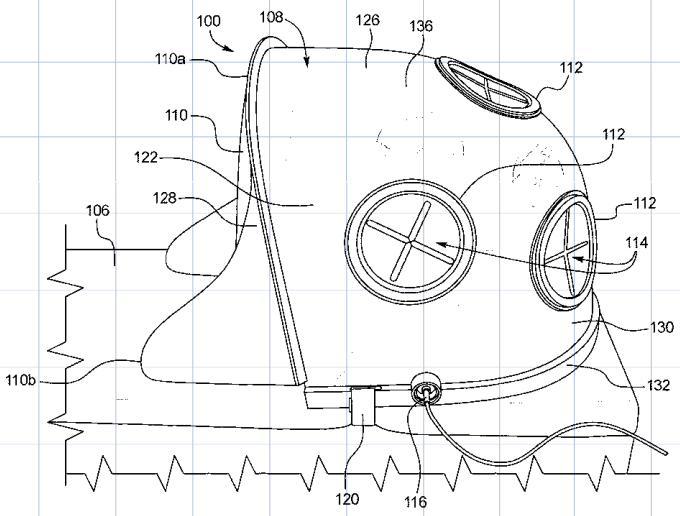
Mathilda Moldenhauer Brooks

ALPHA OMEGA/PITTSBURGH

Mathilda was a cellular biologist and discovered methylene blue, a treatment for those suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. In 1942, Grand Convention delegates approved donating funds from the Fraternity's magazine agency profits to assist Mathilda with her work. Later that year, the Loan and Fellowship Fund committee granted her $3,000 ($57,000 in today's dollars) from surplus funds to further her work. In 1968, Mathilda, along with Kent H. Steffgen, received a patent for a "process for preparing carbohydrates."



Kristy Pollina Kurjan

BETA PI/MICHIGAN STATE

Kristy set out on a mission to improve safety for healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. In 2021, she and her team of four inventors designed a new form of personal protective equipment (PPE), the P3 Isolator System, to be used in various professional healthcare settings, helping to protect both the patient and providers from airborne illnesses.

Julia Warner Snow

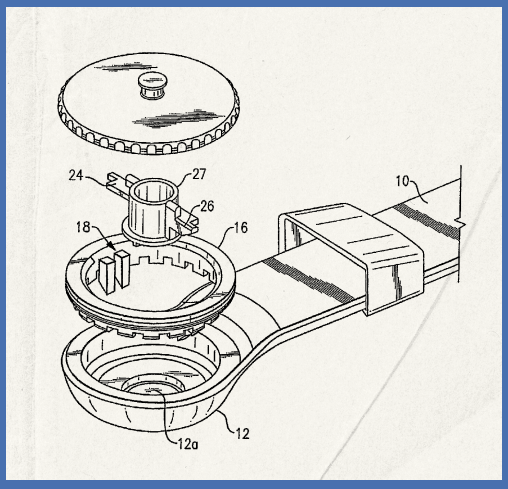
IOTA/CORNELL

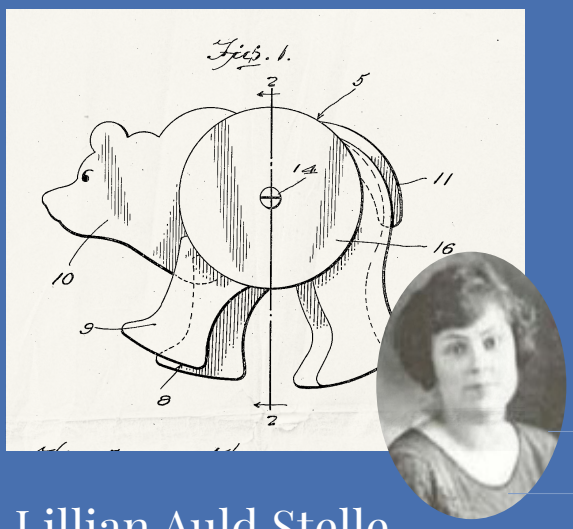
Julia discovered several new species of freshwater algae as a botanist. She was recognized by Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society while at Cornell. Julia received an early fellowship from what would become the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and she eventually joined the staff at Smith College and taught courses in bacteriology. From 1898 to 1901, Julia worked on a biological survey of Lake Erie.

Romy Fineroff Taormina

ZETA THETA/CAL POLY

In 2013, Romy presented Psi Bands, acupressure wristbands she invented in 2006, on *Shark Tank*. She and two partners were granted a Canadian patent in 2007.

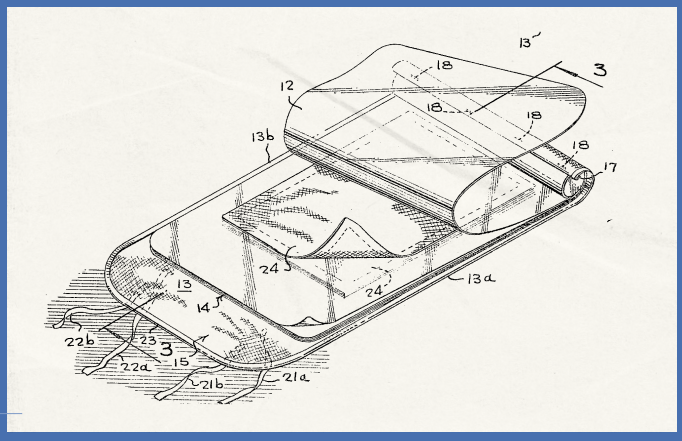




Lillian Auld Stelle

ALPHA XI/OREGON

Lillian was granted a U.S. patent for a wooden toy design on May 10, 1938. Lillian was a writer and poet who lived in India, the Philippines, and China. Not much is known about her toy nor whether she was ever able to have it produced.



Nancy Rabenau Harris

ALPHA IOTA/WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY-ST. LOUIS

Nancy was granted a U.S. patent for a placemat holder. In 1964, she designed a "fabric storage device" "to keep fine linen placemats fresh and wrinkle-free during storage." It was eventually sold and produced as the "Placemat Holder."

Values in *Action:*

EMPOWERING THETAS FOR LIFE

For more than 65 years, Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation has transformed Theta's values—scholarship, service, leadership, personal excellence, and sisterhood—into meaningful opportunities for members to grow, lead, and thrive.

Empowering women to reach their goals and spread the widest influence for good is priceless. Providing the programs, resources, and support to make that impact possible is not. Your generosity ensures every Theta can live out Theta's values today and for generations to come.

Scholarships, Grants, & the *Theta Forever Fund*

The most common ways Thetas invest in today's members (and those yet to join) are by supporting the *Theta Forever Fund*, scholarships, and grants.

The *Theta Forever Fund* supports Theta's educational and leadership programs and enables Thetas to spread the widest influence for good. Unrestricted gifts to the *Theta Forever Fund* reach every Theta by providing funding for the programs and resources that empower and inspire sisters.

In 2025, more than $1 million in scholarships were awarded to Thetas for the first time in Theta Foundation's history. This historic achievement was made possible by loyal and generous supporters—thank you, donors! Scholarship funds are awarded to college and alumnae members who are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate degree-granting programs. Theta Foundation awards both merit- and need-based scholarships; currently, Theta Foundation staff is working to grow the resources available for those who demonstrate significant financial need.

The chapter and individual grants program is breaking records while helping Thetas achieve goals outside of the traditional classroom. In a world where opportunity is often afforded by experiential learning beyond a degree, Theta Foundation is committed to breaking down barriers and giving our members every opportunity to thrive. Grants are awarded for non-degree educational, leadership, and service-learning opportunities for individual Thetas or whole chapters.

Both scholarships and grants can be set up through a non-endowed fund that will serve as long as the donation lasts, or an endowment held in perpetuity.

The **Pasadena Alumnae Chapter** received a service-learning grant to rally local alumnae in their Pack-a-Backpack effort. Members gathered and distributed backpacks and school supplies to students affected by the 2025 California wildfires in preparation for the upcoming academic year.

A member of the chapter shared, "*This grant and experience have significantly enhanced our chapter's appreciation for the resources and encouragement provided by Theta Foundation. Members now feel more supported by the Theta Foundation, knowing that [it] is invested in helping all of us achieve success and give back to others. Overall, it strengthened our sense of pride and belonging within Kappa Alpha Theta, highlighting the lifelong value and connections that come with membership and sisterhood[.]*"

The **Edmonton Alumnae Chapter** was awarded an education grant to host an interactive workshop for women on situational awareness and personal protection, engaging both collegians and alumnae in lecture, hands-on techniques, and group discussion. Jackie Fetter, Beta Chi/Alberta, a member of the chapter, said, "*I was lucky enough to participate, and I feel like I have such a better understanding of 'little' things that could make a difference in my own personal safety as did all participants!*"

Brittany Booth Vasseur, Pi/ Albion, received an education grant to enroll in the University of Chicago's Strategic Data Storytelling program to master data visualization tools and narrative techniques to transform complex datasets into compelling insights for informed decision-making. Brittany said, "*The opportunity to pursue the Strategic Data Storytelling certificate through the University of Chicago is something I'm deeply grateful for. Receiving a Theta Foundation grant is a true honor and reflects the commitment to excellence that inspires me as a Theta. This program is already enriching the way I approach my work every day!*"

Tabor Christanelli, Gamma Phi/ Texas Tech, recipient of the Suzanne Sterling King Scholarship, said, "*As a biology major on the pre-med track, this generous scholarship is far more than financial assistance—it is an investment in both my current academic journey and the long path ahead toward a career in medicine. The values, sisterhood, and encouragement I have found through Theta have played a vital role in shaping my confidence and aspirations. I am deeply thankful for the continued support of Theta Foundation, and I carry this honor with pride and purpose as I work toward becoming a compassionate and dedicated physician.*"

Aditi Mukkara, Eta Pi/Case Western Reserve, recipient of the Betty B. and James B. Lambert Scholarship, said, "*I am incredibly grateful [for] Theta Foundation for supporting me in my academic and personal growth. From connecting with amazing upperclassmen mentors my first year of college to making friends who celebrated each milestone of this journey with me, Theta has and continues to be a pillar of support. Receiving this scholarship from Theta Foundation means so much to me. This generous gift alleviates some of the heavy financial burden that medical school poses, allowing me to focus on my education and growth more fully. Thank you for investing in me, believing in me, and supporting me!*"

Kate Webb Berk, Gamma/ Butler, recipient of the Vivian Stevenson Delbrook Scholarship, said, "*I recently retired from a decade long career as a professional ballet dancer. It was a path that, while not financially lucrative, was a dream come true. Now with your generosity, I'm able to chase my next dream: using the arts to help others live healthier lives. This opportunity would not be possible without your kindness, and I'm truly honored to be a recipient.*"

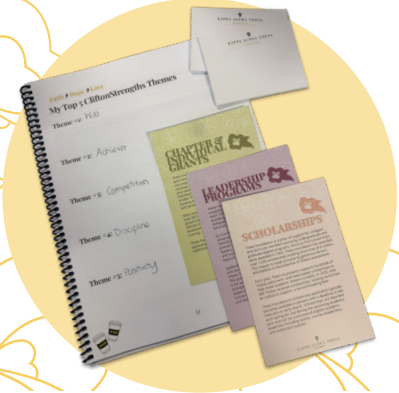
Leadership & the Fraternity Grant

Theta Foundation's annual grant to the Fraternity remains one of its highest priorities, supporting the educational and leadership programming that provides meaningful opportunities for Theta members. These initiatives not only reach every member, but they also have the potential to reach well beyond Theta.

Among the programs and resources funded by the Fraternity grant are alcohol education, mental health and wellness, the Heritage Museum and archives, the undergraduate assessment program, the Leadership Certificate Program (LCP), Educational Leadership Consultants (ELCs), advisor and alumnae leadership, Leadership Academy, professional development for Theta staff members who work with collegians, and Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI).

ELI brings undergraduate members together each year to attend a summer program carefully curated to help collegians gain a greater understanding of who they are as individuals and as leaders. All participants (mostly sophomores and juniors) have self-identified as an emerging leader and apply to have the opportunity to learn and practice leadership concepts, engage with other students, and have access to professional facilitators who support, challenge, and aid in reflection.

Josie Kranick, Zeta Omega/Loyola Marymount, and **Ava Mulno, Gamma Sigma/San Diego State**, were among the 54 members who gathered at Colorado State University this past summer for ELI 2025 and left ready to incorporate newfound and strengthened leadership and interpersonal skills into their undergraduate experience and beyond.



"I spent [ELI] weekend learning alongside 53 amazing women from chapters across the U.S. and Canada. Together, we deepened our understanding of leadership, built meaningful connections, and explored what it means to lead in ways that are true to who we are. One of the most meaningful takeaways from the weekend was that leadership is not defined by a single style or personality. Effective leadership looks different for everyone, and it doesn't require being the loudest voice in the room. Instead, it's about knowing your strengths, showing up with intention, and leading in a way that reflects your values.

I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to learn from and be surrounded by such driven, thoughtful women. I'm excited to take these lessons back to Loyola Marymount University and continue growing as a leader within my chapter and community.

Thank you to Theta Foundation for investing in my personal and professional development."

-Josie Kranick, Zeta Omega/ Loyola Marymount

"[ELI] continued my path of leadership experiences and affirmed my values and the choice to join the Panhellenic community at San Diego State University. [W]e were guided by inspiring and extremely knowledgeable facilitators who led us through academic lessons, small group discussions, and engaging activities focused on leadership and what it means to be a leader.

It was truly an unforgettable weekend, surrounded by like-minded individuals who, at first, had an immediate bond through membership in Kappa Alpha Theta, but through workshops on leading with vulnerability and courage, connected as people who fostered a sense of community and empathy. This experience affirmed what sisterhood truly means.

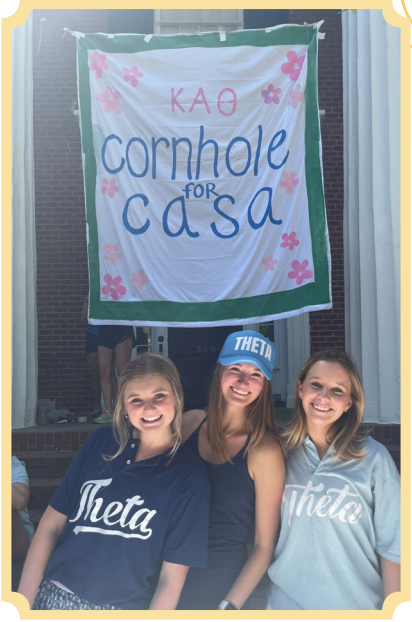
As I am pursuing a degree in Leadership Studies, this weekend was especially meaningful to me. I will be able to use the time and newfound experience both within my chapter and in my degree-focused classes. I am so thankful for Theta Foundation for selecting me for this program, as well as providing me with a scholarship toward my college tuition."

-Ava Mulno, Gamma Sigma/ San Diego State

Friendship, Sisterhood, & Theta for Good

Theta for Good formally launched in 2022 to provide a way for college members to cultivate their philanthropic priorities alongside their sisters with the help and guidance of Theta Foundation and Fraternity staff members.

Funds raised under Theta for Good are donated to the *Theta Forever Fund* and the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)/ guardian ad litem (GAL) Association for Children, local chapters of CASA/ GAL, and other organizations that otherwise support the health and welfare of children. For the past three years, Theta Foundation has invested increasing resources into Theta for Good, providing 1:1 coaching and mentoring to college chapter vice presidents external affairs (VPEAs) and fundraising and philanthropy directors as well as tools (like CrowdChange) to bolster their fundraising efforts. The program has also allowed for the improvement of time, talent, and treasure data collection: simply another way to boast about the amazing work Theta collegians are doing.



During the 2024–2025 academic year, college chapters across the United States and Canada planned and carried out more than *350 events* that raised *more than $1.4 million*.

"Participating in the Theta for Good program has allowed our chapter to engage in more meaningful discussions about how we can best support our community. We have made it a goal to be more informed about the organizations and services available to disadvantaged children in our area, and it has been so rewarding to see how this goal has motivated our members during philanthropy events. Since starting this program, we have grown especially close to our local CASA chapter. It is really awesome to see how different members use their strengths and influence to support Tulsa CASA outside of our philanthropy week. This past year alone, individual members have created custom art pieces for a CASA fundraiser, volunteered at CASA events, and networked with local businesses to put on benefit days. I truly believe that we have been able to do more for our CASA chapter and for our community because of the Theta for Good program."

-Malia Aurigemma, Gamma Tau/Tulsa

Sisterhood is about being a *Theta for Good!*

“Our chapter has had an extremely positive experience participating in Theta for Good. Along the way, I felt supported by Thetas across our network from guidance of program directors to advice on how to market our fundraiser from other philanthropy directors and chapter presidents[.] … [A]s my chapter’s president this year, I hope to continue fostering an environment dedicated to philanthropic engagement within my chapter. The work done through Theta for Good is deeply important to me, as I believe service is one of the greatest opportunities and responsibilities presented to us as members of the Theta community.”

-Alisha Singh, Theta Iota/~

You can read more about how gifts and bequests to Theta Foundation have recently been used in the 2024-2025 Impact Report and the 2024-2025 Annual Report.

2024-2025 IMPACT REPORT

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

To learn more about how you can make a difference as a Theta Foundation donor, please visit **www.kappaalphatheta.org/foundation**, email **fdnmail@kappaalphatheta.org**, or call **317-876-1870**.

SPACES THAT FEEL *Like Home*

GAMMA OMEGA/AUBURN

ETA OMEGA/ST. LOUIS

ALPHA XI/OREGON

As of 2026, the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC) manages 108 (75%) of Kappa Alpha Theta properties across the country. While each Theta facility is unique, the FHC's mission remains the same: provide safe, competitive, and desirable housing for college members. Here, you'll learn about the various types of facilities the FHC serves as well as how members utilize these spaces and the types of amenities provided.

On several campuses, Thetas have the opportunity to live together on a shared floor of a residence hall. These "dorm floors" allow Thetas to enjoy the benefits of a traditional on-campus living experience with close access to class and dining halls while also allowing them to create memories by sharing close space. While the college or university manages these spaces, FHC staff support these chapters by furnishing shared common spaces, such as the chapter room at Auburn University shown here. At Gamma Omega Chapter, members use their chapter room for weekly meetings, studying, recruitment events, and more.

In other locations, FHC staff support the membership experience by maintaining and updating a designated suite space. On campuses where it is not feasible for members to live together, these suites provide members with the opportunity to gather in a private area, build affinity for the organization, and showcase their chapter's unique personality. For example, members of Eta Omega Chapter at St. Louis University use their chapter room suite for meetings, studying, sisterhood events, and more.

Lastly, FHC staff manage the daily operations of approximately 60 residential facilities. Most of these properties are located off campus, and the occupancies of these houses range from six to 78 members. In these facilities, FHC staff coordinate everything from move-in and move-out to routine maintenance, safety inspections, landscaping, furniture, and décor. These facilities contain sleeping rooms, living and study spaces, and a variety of amenities including laundry rooms, TV lounges, kitchenettes, and outdoor patios. FHC staff also assist many chapters with meal service, allowing members to enjoy daily meals prepared by professional chefs in community with other chapter members. Several of these facilities employ dedicated staff members such as facility directors, housekeepers, and kitchen assistants who contribute to creating a welcoming environment for members and their guests.

Across dorm floors, suites, and residential facilities, FHC staff play a vital role in shaping the daily experiences of college Thetas. Regardless of location or size, each facility is designed to foster connection, support academic success, and strengthen sisterhood while meeting the highest standards of safety and care. Through hands-on management, thoughtful amenities, and dedicated staff support, the FHC ensures that Theta spaces are more than just places to live or gather: they are environments where members feel at home and where lifelong memories are made.

As you can see, Kappa Alpha Theta members occupy a variety of spaces on their campuses. No matter the size or age of the facility, FHC staff remain committed to providing unique and memorable spaces for chapters to call home.

VISIT *the* HERITAGE MUSEUM... *from Anywhere*

EXPANSION
Fraternities and Sororities Evolve
WINNING THE FIGHT
for Women in Higher Education
College Fashion Through the Decades
See more about Sororities and Suffrage in the Cases

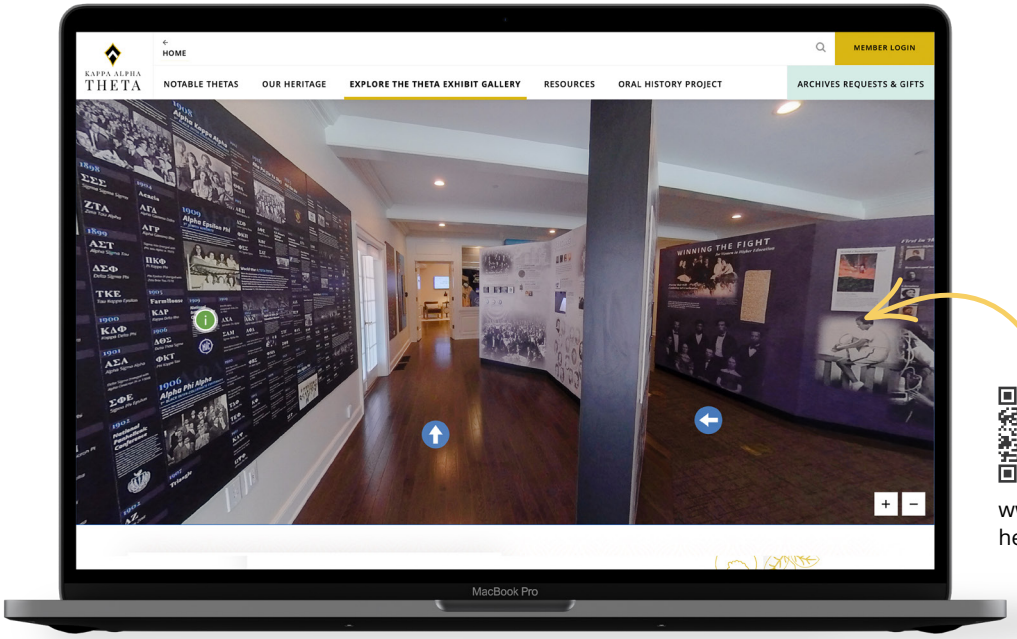
Navigating Segregated, Coed Campuses

EXPANSION

The Heritage Museum at Theta headquarters reflects sorority and fraternity history in the U.S. and Canada as demonstrated by resources and artifacts from Theta's archives.

Until 2025, the museum was only available to visitors who made the trip to Theta headquarters in Indiana. Knowing that Theta's membership and the fraternity/sorority community stretch far beyond the state of Theta's founding, Theta staff created a virtual tour of the Heritage Museum with the help of TrendyMinds, an Indianapolis-based marketing agency. This 360-degree interactive tour brings the Heritage Museum to life for Thetas and history lovers everywhere in the world. Within the tour, viewers can click on plaques and other hot spots to read more about different topics and artifacts from the museum. These hotspots also connect visitors with links to further information and resources about the topic areas they are exploring.

The Heritage Museum, funded by a generous grant from Theta Foundation, is an impactful resource for sorority and fraternity history, not just Theta history. Theta—and the Greek community as whole—now have an easy-to-use resource to share this history on a broader scale.



www.kappaalphatheta.org/heritage/exhibit-gallery

Thetas Making Their *Mark*

Thetas are creating, leading, serving, and speaking up. These five members are putting their talents to work in distinct ways, from fashion and entrepreneurship to advocacy and community impact.

Aubrey Davis, **Delta Omicron/Alabama**

As a senior apparel and design major at the University of Alabama, Aubrey Davis has spent the past four years specially crafting and piecing together her experience (literally). Last spring, Aubrey competed in the university's Fashion Playbook spring fashion showcase, which challenged 50 students to design, create, and show off their unique spins on gameday looks. Aubrey's creations illustrated her love for streetwear fashion. After winning the competition, she had the opportunity to travel to New York Fashion Week, networking with designers and industry professionals as she hopes to become a streetwear fashion designer after graduation. Now, anyone can buy her unique designs at a variety of retailers across the state of Alabama.

Jay Alexander Grant at Grant Foto

Sadie Schiermeyer, **Eta Phi/Belmont**

Sadie Schiermeyer is no stranger to the spotlight. Sadie grew up in the Miss Texas Organization as a teen and followed in her mother's footsteps by competing and capturing the title of Miss Texas 2025. Since being crowned last year, she has been committed to spreading her community service initiative, "Healthier America: How Are You, Really?" across the Lone Star State. Sadie is challenging the current stigma around health from image-driven to overall strength and wellbeing. This past September, Sadie placed as first runner-up at Miss America. As she continues her reign for the next few months, she is working toward raising awareness and changing the way the state approaches health education. Sadie is using the lack of proper health education she received in school as the inspiration behind her commitment to fostering a healthier Texas.

Kari Love, **Gamma Delta/Georgia**

Kari Love says she has always been called to serve. As a collegian, Kari served as philanthropy chair, becoming emotionally connected to National CASA/GAL's mission and making a difference in others' lives. As an Atlanta native, she has continued her legacy of service close to home. Since 2014, Kari has served as the CEO of the Atlanta Women's Foundation (AWF), which brings together research, resources, and relationships to drive long-term change for women and girls in the Atlanta community. AWF has invested $32 million in local grants and programs since its inception in 1998, and Kari aims to carry Theta's values with her every day.

Harper Dale, **Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt**

Harper Dale has spent her college career excelling in all areas. She serves as vice president education (VPE) for Alpha Eta Chapter and vice president of community service for Delta Sigma Pi, a coeducational business fraternity. Additionally, Harper founded and now serves as the president of Vanderbilt Community for Suicide Prevention. She will graduate with a degree in human and organizational development this spring. Harper was recognized as one of Vanderbilt's Outstanding Seniors, a distinction that is given to students who have shown excellence across academics, campus involvement, and leadership.

Jessica Sato, **Alpha Iota/Washington University-St. Louis**

While millions of people dread getting up in front of large crowds of people, Jessica Sato has never shied away from the opportunity. For nearly four years, Jessica worked as a TEDx Breckenridge speaker coach and has given many talks herself. She has helped prepare nearly 50 speakers across numerous locations. In the past, Jessica served as Leadership Development Strategist and Program Manager for The Boeing Company which has aided her in her own work: Jessica Sato Consulting, a benefit corporation for good, is committed to balancing people, planet, and profit. She has helped women become better speakers and entrepreneurs by providing strategic advising and brand development. She also leads a cross-cultural initiative in Egypt where she connects female entrepreneurs of different cultural backgrounds. Jessica also runs a blog and podcast called *Purpose & Profit*.

Financial State *of* Kappa Alpha Theta 2025

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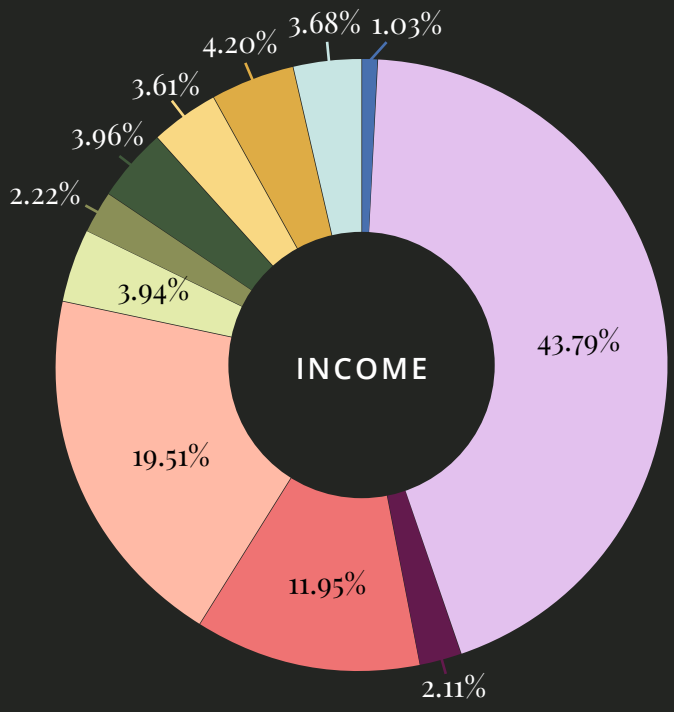
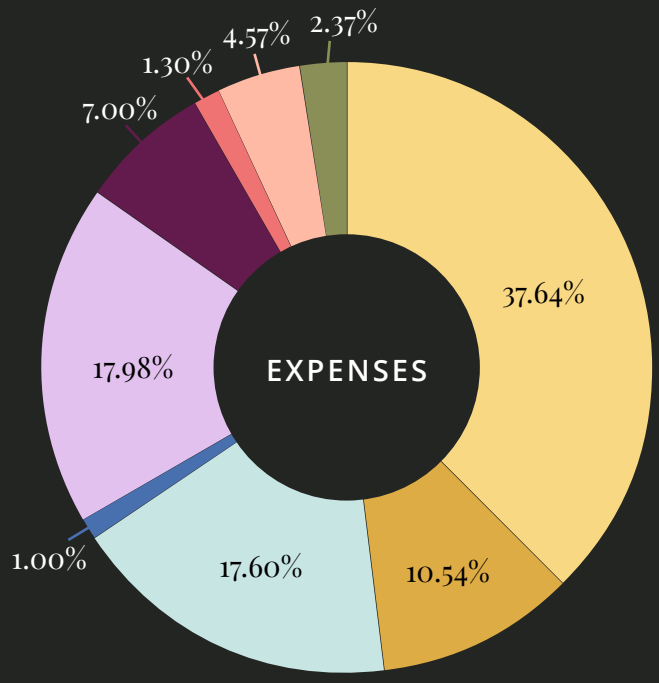


- Alumnae Support | $114,023
- College Chapter Support | $4,865,369
- Interest Income on Receivables | $246,375
- International Meetings | $1,327,786
- Investment Income-Realized | $2,167,980
- Merchandise Sales | $437,759
- Non-Dues Income* | $234,630
- Risk Management | $439,431
- Royalty and Advertising Income | $408,483
- Theta Foundation Grant | $467,103
- Unrealised Gain/Loss on Investments | $400,993

GRAND TOTAL | $11,109,932

*Swap contract, facility corporation services



- Administrative and General | $3,036,008
- Alumnae Services | $853,197
- Collegiate Services | $1,424,074
- Depreciation | $80,613
- International Meetings | $1,454,975
- Leadership | $575,834
- Officer Administration | $105,187
- Risk Management | $369,855
- Sales Expense | $191,659

GRAND TOTAL | $8,091,402

Net Income | $3,018,530

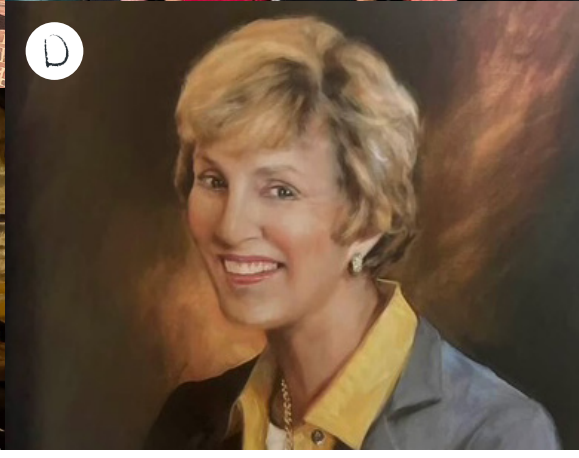
Snapshots

A Last May, dozens of members of the **Dallas Alumnae Chapter** celebrated the 100th anniversary of the chapter, which was granted a charter in 1925.

B Several alumnae from **Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of South Dakota** gathered in Sioux Falls, S.Dak. Sisters across a variety of ages, some who were initiated in the 1970s and others in the 2020s, had an amazing time celebrating the power of sisterhood.

C **Shirley Martin McGrath, Lynne Hughes Maloney, Margie McBride Lehrman, Jeanne Albronda Heaton, Georgia Stout Hodgson, Karen Olson Piedmont, Holly Green Mason, Barb Vinson Boyd,** and **Anne Morrison McCarthy** are all members of the 1963 new member class of **Alpha Xi Chapter at the University of Oregon**. In September 2024, they traveled back to campus to celebrate their 80th birthdays and see the new Theta house together.

D **Barbara Bash Nicklaus, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State**, often regarded as the "First Lady of Golf," was recognized as an Honoree at the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio. Founded and hosted by her husband, Jack, the tournament aims to honor individuals past and present who left a positive impact in golf, showcase new talent, and benefit a variety of local charities. Barbara is no stranger to giving back as she and Jack started the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation in 2004. Since then, the foundation has raised $100 million to provide care to children across all 50 states and in a variety of countries. One of the many recipients of the foundation's support is the Miami Children's Hospital, which was renamed as the Nicklaus Children's Hospital in 2015.



ALUMNAE, REUNIONS, + EVENTS

E Despite graduating from the College of William & Mary more than 60 years ago, **Susan Trice Fieglein, Ginnie Peirce Volkman, Gretchen Sherer Israel, Karen Patrick Martin, Ann Lyon Ackiss, Claudy Tucker Barnes, Cam Walker, and Melissa Hall Griffin**, all **Beta Lambda/William & Mary**, came back to the Theta house to celebrate homecoming and years of sisterhood together.

F Last May, 43 members from **Beta Pi Chapter**'s graduating classes of 1976-1981 came together for a reunion luncheon.

G Sisters from Beta Xi Chapter at the **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)** have made it a yearly tradition to gather together for a reunion since their time in the Theta house in the early 1980s. While they would normally take a trip back to the west coast, **Amy Pryor Colton, Beta Xi/UCLA**, gave them a taste of southern hospitality by hosting her sisters at her home in Nashville. Pictured are **Leslie McConnell Sullivan, Cheryl Fraser Reynolds, Peggy Porter McLaughlin, Rebecca Rader, Janet Ciccarelli Lucas, Kim Cunningham Knowles, Darrell Chulay Banta, Joanne Murphy Johansson, Kris Norby, Erin Fitzpatrick Sullivan, Pam Conner Snyder, Cherie Wright Harris, Heidi Krasel Dobrott, Arlyne Ignacio Brown, Amy, Peggy Farmer Flynn**, and **Robbie Ross-Finnigan**, all **Beta Xi/UCLA**.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

H The beach, birthday celebrations, and sisterhood: what could be a better combination? Back in May, several members of the 1978-1979 new member classes of **Beta Zeta Chapter at Oklahoma State University** traveled down to the sandy beaches of Florida in recognition of 47 years of membership and multiple 65th birthdays.

I Several members of the **Birmingham, MI Alumnae Chapter** came together at the Wayne County CASA "Spring Into Hope" fundraising luncheon in Detroit. This event serves as a fundraiser and a way to share stories of CASA's positive impact on children in the area. Pictured are **Joan Daly Redebaugh, Beta Pi/Michigan State; Marianne Smith Ganiard, Pi/Albion; Jane Bowman, Eta/Michigan; Megan McCormick, Beta Pi/Michigan State; Barbara Najar Ennis, Beta Pi/Michigan State; Karen McNabb Clemons, Beta Pi/Michigan State; Debbie Baughman Macdonald, Beta Pi/Michigan State; Kitty Dezur Williams, Beta Pi/Michigan State**; and **Tina Marakas Battle, Beta Pi/Michigan State**. Kitty and Tina served on the event's planning committee.

J Multiple members of the **Columbus, OH Alumnae Chapter** gathered to celebrate Founders Day. Pictured from are **Cathy Sue Montgomery Leslie, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State; Demi Johnson, Beta Tau/Denison; Laurie McGregor Connor, Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan; Marlina Niezgoda Fruth, Epsilon Rho/Lehigh; Felicity Hillmer, Beta Tau/Denison; Blair Charles Adams, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State; Lynda Malugen Wiley, Alpha Mu/Missouri; Cindy Evans Craig, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State**; and **Jessica Rannow, Psi/Wisconsin**.

K **Cathie Waters Cardelucci, Beta Xi/UCLA**, has dedicated her life to serving others. Cathie is a founding member of CASA of Orange County and a current member of the Friends of CASA Advisory Council. Cathie is approaching 40 years of service with CASA of Orange County and was awarded for her lengthy commitment to helping children. Outside of her work with CASA, Cathie continues to give back to Theta by providing the Cathie Water Cardelucci Scholarship which is open to Beta Xi Chapter Thetas seeking a bachelor's or master's degree. Cathie has also served as a Theta Foundation trustee, among many other Theta volunteer roles.

L **Dana Preddy Schlotterer, Gwen Dedrick McCoy, Robin Lloyd Weber**, and **Caroline Street Crenshaw**, all **Delta Omicron/Alabama**, ventured across the globe together and enjoyed a vacation in Paris.

M Members of the **Toronto Alumnae Chapter** gathered to celebrate Founders Day.

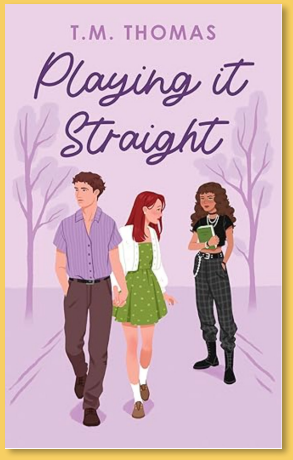
N Members of **Gamma Phi Chapter at Texas Tech University** had a wonderful time celebrating their 50+ years of sisterhood at their reunion.

O The **Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter** assisted Brightlane Learning, a nonprofit that helps fight childhood homelessness and provides personalized education via school-based and community-based programs in Indiana. The alumnae in attendance prepared student packets for the upcoming school year. Pictured are **Lisa Thibault, Epsilon Iota/Westminster; Kelly Oles, Beta Kappa/Drake; Barb Bayer, Nu/Hanover;** and **Rose Fontana, Gamma Tau/Tulsa**. Brightlane Learning also boasts some Theta staff members: Sally Bindley, Tau/Northwestern, is Brightlane's founder and executive advisor and Laura Long Hanes, Epsilon Iota/Westminster, is its development and database administrator.

P After losing her mother to Alzheimer's, **Kathy Gross, Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State**, has made it her mission to spread awareness about the disease. She has done this in combination with a personal passion of hers: cooking. Kathy has written her own cookbook, *A Life Well Fed*, which includes contributions from celebrities like Ina Garten, Emeril Lagasse, Antonia Bennett, and Jim Nantz. Some of her fondest memories growing up were spent in the kitchen with her mother, and she hopes to share that through her recipes. Every purchase of her book supports organizations dedicated to advancing care and finding a cure for Alzheimer's.

Q Last year, Theta Foundation Treasurer **Lisa Youngers, Psi/Wisconsin**, was named as one of the 50 Women to Watch for Boards by 50/50 Women on Boards. 50/50 Women on Boards is a global nonprofit founded to accelerate gender balance and diversity on corporate boards. Congratulations, Lisa!

R **Chris Locke, Eta Phi/Belmont; Lyndsey Escobar, Gamma Phi/Texas Tech; Stephanie Bowles, Beta Gamma/Colorado State**; and **Mary Bess Corbin, Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor**, enjoyed spending time together at the Nashville Panhellenic Scholarship Luncheon back in April.



S In March 2025, the **Pasadena Alumnae Chapter** celebrated its 100th anniversary, inviting members of all ages to celebrate its rich history and century of memories. Pasadena hosted two Grand Conventions in the past (1911 and 1946), and the alumnae chapter has received dozens of awards over the years.

T **Tracy Schurch, Zeta Sigma/Ohio Northern**, recently self-published her book, *Playing It Straight*. It is about a girl who, during her senior year of high school, makes revelations about her queer identity.

U The **St. Louis Alumnae Chapter** gathered for an evening at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in May. Pictured are **Sharon Blaine, Gamma Tau/Tulsa; Erin Gallagher, Eta Omega/Saint Louis; Sophie Thibault, Eta Omega/Saint Louis; Lisa Thibault, Epsilon Iota/Westminster; Betsy Humphreys, Epsilon Iota/Westminster**; and **Lisa Redd, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State.**

V **NeEtta Utter Gillespie, Alpha Rho/South Dakota**, and **Carrie Helmke Haner, Delta Eta/Kansas State**, have been friends since they met through the **Omaha Alumnae Chapter** more than 30 years ago. They took a trip together to Kansas City and snapped this picture in front of a kite-shaped piece of artwork at the Kansas City Public Library!

W Theta Foundation's scholarship and grant programs continue to make differences in the lives of countless Thetas. Of the many are **Alisa Suen-Wallach, Zeta Nu/UC Davis**, and **Liz Mueller Nazzal, Psi/Wisconsin**. Both women recently celebrated graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. Alisa was also inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha, a national medical honor society and matched in dermatology at the University of Chicago. Liz matched in Urology at the University of Virginia. Both began residency training this past summer. Congratulations, Alisa and Liz!

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Anne Cockfield Alschuler, 1952
Gay Burkhart, 1956
Kathy Hays Fox, 1963
Ginny Cooling Hollett, 1957
Mary Day Kilborn Musgrave, 1960
Nancy O'Neil Rathburn, 1961
Diane Forst Stephens, 1948

BETA/INDIANA

Linda Keehn Bolton, 1958
Eddie Friedrich Brant, 1948
Becky Hart Fox, 1962
Cynthia Pritchard Holler, 1975
Diane Thorsen Olson, 1962
Vickey Jornod Smith, 1964
Joan Erickson Whalen, 1955
Pat Redens Wrege, 1945

GAMMA/BUTLER

Mary Gianakos Albean, 1951
Alice Appel, 1958
Maribeth Bailey, 1973
Nancy McClamrock Cranny, 1945
Carol Gaffney Dupler, 1955
Gracia Johnson Floyd, 1966
Marilyn Ruddell Lohss, 1949
Wendy Schaubel Noder, 1969
Mary Vyverberg Paul, 1955
Betty Jo Fark Pavey, 1945
Nancy Walker Pernice, 1951
Jean Faulconer Phillips, 1945
Samantha Dekruiff Wilkins, 2004

ETA/MICHIGAN

Thea Labudde Brunsell, 1943
Margaret Carlisle Chapman, 1943
Joan Pfeiffer MacLaughlin, 1955
Sheila Burke Morse, 1957
Susan Hattendorf Schuler, 1956

IOTA/CORNELL

Lyn King Dawson, 1945
Carol Sherman Knapp, 1956
Peggy Clark Salisbury, 1941
Adelaide Russell Vant, 1954

KAPPA/KANSAS

Carol Gibbs Barrett, 1955
Jane Coolidge Casson, 1956
E. Kate Deal, 1958
Carolyn Critser Dillon, 1950
Phyllis Doane Frisby, 1947
Karen Vavra Grace, 1957
Molly Ziegelmeyer Helling, 1961
Beverlee Anderson Lopez-Plata, 1970
Mary Kay Paige McPhee, 1946
Darla McJilton Neal, 1960
Lynne Gerlach Stark, 1956
Suzanne Steffen, 1979
Judith Torrey Turner, 1947

LAMBDA/VERMONT

Inge Brodersen Dickerman, 1956
Peggy Miller Logan, 1944

GAMMA DEUTERON/OHIO WESLEYAN

Judith Hepkema Bruinsma, 1958
Barbara Gellhaus Dellinger, 1953
Sally Reiff Dickey, 1956
Sallie Harwood Dorer, 1948
Helen Hynes Dray, 1952
Kathy Snook Maxted, 1974
Mary Ziegler Stewart, 1942

NU/HANOVER

Linda Dills Glenn, 1965
Beth Hadley Jones, 1960
Carol Berglund Kinder, 1964

Kappa Alpha Theta mourns the loss of these sisters who passed away in 2025.

Dates indicate year of initiation.

OMICRON/USC

Barbara Butcher Dougher, 1954
Betty Goodman Giles, 1945
Linda Ralls Groth, 1956
Margaret Alman Hastings, 1939
Charmaine Grogan Judson, 1960
Sally Meier Moser, 1949

PI/ALBION

Diane Nevergold Knapp, 1960
Melody Mercer MacMartin, 1971

RHO/NEBRASKA

Betty Bock Durham, 1954
Ann Penner Henderson, 1950
Jo Ann Carr Hoff, 1954
Jane Anderson Johnson, 1956
Jackie Murphy Kremers, 1950
Cheryl Warden Lamme, 1962
Suzie Swingle Lewis, 1956
Kathleen Condon Saxe, 1953
Amy Cox Schmid, 1980
Ardis Levine Sperber, 1957
Allison Pollock Welch, 1988

TAU/NORTHWESTERN

Jane Sheldon Chatfield, 1962
Ann Goodwin Hintz, 1954
Peggy Pearce McElvain, 1954
Sally Quigg Peterson, 1956
Marjorie Nelson Platou, 1950
Carol Kropp Stuchlik, 1961
Judy Stecker Taylor, 1959

UPSILON/MINNESOTA

Sally McBratnie Ahlcrona, 1946
Helen Hills Bellows, 1950
Judy Stenson Crawford, 1961
Jean Schmitt Ernst, 1937
Janet Dillan Harding, 1950
Suzie Snipes Schradle, 1952
Marlene Clark Wogsland, 1953

CHI/SYRACUSE

Meredith Jones Heaslip, 1948
Candy Strothman Macomber, 1953
Gay Amrhein Odell, 1952

PSI/WISCONSIN

Elizabeth Allen Edgarton, 1953
Nora Thomsen Hughes, 1966
Joanne Langjahr Lund, 1951
Jo Moerschel Paul, 1957
Mary Rose Dernbach Seifert, 1944

OMEGA/UC BERKELEY

Marian Zarley Davis, 1954
Diane Reeder Fisher, 1954
Ann Edmiston Johnson, 1959
Kathryn Atmore Soares, 1951

PHI DEUTERON/STANFORD

Betty Martin Davidson, 1941
Sheri Chin Ng, 1983

ALPHA GAMMA/OHIO STATE

Linda Hartlerode Baas McClelland, 1964
Jackie Grim Delmedico, 1949
Rosemarie Moorman Flick, 1951
Judy Mills Hansel, 1957
Lauren Stell Kollman, 1968
Polly Welch Korb, 1954
Kitten White Ledman, 1956
Diane Dombey Niermeyer, 1959
Elizabeth Myers Tuach, 1957
Shirley Hale Wisher, 1963

DELTA/ILLINOIS

Lyn Reinhart Buechsenschuetz, 1953
Marty Mulliken Cohen, 1959
Jane Bodman Converse, 1961
Jane Mueller, 1949
Deborah Smith Olien, 1972
Susan Olmstead Wold, 1952

ALPHA ETA/VANDERBILT

Judy Kemp Amonett, 1966
Martha Ann Gambill Elliott, 1949
Mary Groos Hubner, 1959
Judy Willett Meadows, 1970
Elizabeth Forkin Minor, 1963
Virginia Bonner Norcross, 1955
Bonnie Linane Stowell, 1960

ALPHA THETA/TEXAS

Alli Barge, 2021
Barbara Etchison Blakemore, 1953
Lynne Lovinggood Bohn, 1952
Betty Montgomery Buaas, 1943
Kristi Goad Burdette, 1985
Carolynn Leggett Canon, 1957
Owene Menger Caruth, 1956
Jane Austin Chapman, 1962
Chloe Childress*, 2025
Katherine Ferruzzo*, 2025
Jacky Ford, 1963
Valerie Urschel Guenther, 1960
Kathryn Harrison, 1967
Alison Gray Kimberlin, 1953
Mary Hardwicke Korbelik, 1947
Lisbeth Lewis, 1968
Morgan Marold, 2005
Sue Siddons Neuhoff, 1961
Nancy Sharp, 1963
Barbara Lang Stewart, 1956
Linda Steinhauser Walcowich, 1961
Mary Grafe Warren, 1951

ALPHA IOTA/WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY-ST. LOUIS

Elsa Arensmeyer Schraudenbach, 1958
Mary Schaefer Windsor, 1949

ALPHA LAMBDA/WASHINGTON

Mari Jensen Clack, 1955
Barbara Pritchard Deahl, 1950
Barbie Irving Hamblen, 1956
Chris Moffett Otto, 1981
Salli Jensen Rogers, 1956
Marcia Reed Wythes, 1955

ALPHA MU/MISSOURI

Linda Holman Atkins, 1955
Katie Edwards Burckhalter, 1967
Susie McIntyre Hall, 1961
Shirley Bruce Hawes, 1948
Beatrice Annin Hostetler, 1948
Katie O'Herron Kouba, 1984
Donna Pascoe Pohl, 1965
Pat Wachter Russell, 1959

ALPHA NU/MONTANA

Shirley Baker, 1950
Carla Boettcher, 1963
Peggy Calvin Goodwin, 1958
Jean Webber Keding, 1953
Donalee Beary LaBar, 1962
Beverly Boorman Murphy, 1961

ALPHA XI/OREGON

Christy Higgins, 1971
Emma Huke, 2019
Sherry Jenovich Nelson, 1966

ALPHA OMICRON/OKLAHOMA

Margaret Howell Cunningham, 1958
Ava Simmons Floyd, 1963
Sally Warner Marsh, 1953
Laura Ellis McCoy, 1979
Lucy McFadyen McCracken, 1960
Melinda Maguire Nix, 1981
Sally Sinclair Nixon, 1964
Elizabeth Prosser, 1961
Diane Blake Purnell, 1961
Kay Webb Roberts, 1955
Marion Wilson Stier, 1964
Susie Cherry Vesper, 1988

ALPHA PI/NORTH DAKOTA

Virginia Rickey Adams, 1949
Sandra Jensen Dahl, 1959
Terry Larson Gillette, 1964
Lynn Graham Hentges, 1956
Linda Ramsland Higgins, 1966
Dottie Smith Isaacson, 1954
Sigrid Myrdal, 1962

ALPHA RHO/SOUTH DAKOTA

Margery Drey Houck, 1951
Marvelle Sneider Koenig, 1949
Ann Hasse Nelson, 1954

ALPHA SIGMA/WASHINGTON STATE

Carol Norman Dauterman, 1950
Carrie Jones, 1966
Janet Schuster Pagnotta, 1958

ALPHA TAU/CINCINNATI

Carol Heitzler Gaenge, 1956
Molly Nooe Shoup, 1962
Beth Horn Steur, 1974
Judy Mart Wulfeck, 1956
Barbara Heitzler Zentgraf, 1953

ALPHA UPSILON/WASHBURN

Doris Yockey McKernan, 1958
Diane Nollette Zuspann, 1973

ALPHA PHI/TULANE

Carol Eyster, 1968
Carol McDonald Hampton, 1954

ALPHA CHI/PURDUE

Margaret Carter, 1952
Nancy Burchell Combs, 1949
Suzanne Leaming Davis, 1957
Meredith Hunt Horner, 1951
Jane Conner King, 1959
Sally Ashbaucher McIlveen, 1951
Marty Phillips Mead, 1950
Essie Pastene, 1954
Emily Lloyd Rockwood, 1941

ALPHA PSI/LAWRENCE

Kay Warren Holtz, 1943
Marina Spheeris Krejci, 1970
Judy Anderson Mack, 1961

ALPHA OMEGA/PITTSBURGH

Janet Stoehr Stewart, 1959
Elizabeth Murphy Vonarx, 1949

BETA BETA/RANDOLPH-MACON WC

Mary Semtner Cozzens, 1952
Margot Holt Gill, 1949
Neva Baine Murphy, 1948

BETA GAMMA/COLORADO STATE

Margaret Cash Dillon, 1959
Marinan Henry Keeling, 1965
Marianne Longan Knott, 1958
Mary Connors Lynch, 1949

BETA DELTA/ARIZONA

Patti Fowlie Dye, 1970
Danielle Glosser, 1989
Patricia Jenney Lawrence, 1946
Marcia Life, 1957
Jane Traff Thompson, 1979

BETA EPSILON/OREGON STATE

Marcella Murray Bell, 1952
Linda Bergstrom Harding, 1956
Carolyn Vanderzanden Perrin, 1957
Patti McQuaid Petersen, 1959
Sally Brogdon Pride, 1961
Ann Daneke Worthington, 1973

BETA ZETA/OKLAHOMA STATE

KJoan Johnson Bake, 1948
Jannis Hayton Dykeman, 1949
Sally Swigert Parks, 1966
Suzanne Penticuff Pauly, 1969
Mona Fronkier Pitts, 1962
Jeanie Wetzel, 1970
June Wiley-Caughron, 1955

BETA ETA/PENNSYLVANIA

Diane Thompson Heckler, 1959
Alice Maris Kubista, 1956
Barbara Jones Walker, 1950

BETA THETA/IDAHO

Mary Stefanac Condotta, 1948
Mary Walser Ensley, 1957
Sheila Darwin Humphrey, 1947
Susan Papineau Jameson, 1973
Nancy Moen Wilson, 1956

BETA IOTA/COLORADO

Susan Smith Myerson, 1961
Jane Hester Strauss, 1954
Patricia Tillotson Tucker, 1949
Julie Sherman Whitaker, 1952
Anne Miller Williams, 1953
Carolyn Allen Zeiger, 1963

BETA KAPPA/DRAKE

Ruth Scudder Hoover, 1946
Louise Rouse Reidenbach, 1951
Nancy Roeder Westlund, 1961

BETA LAMBDA/WILLIAM & MARY

M. J. Gregory Conway, 1971
Pat Vakos, 1965

BETA MU/NEVADA

Bernadina Murphy Baker, 1946
Carolyn Smith Bartlett, 1961
Joan Melner Dunlop, 1949
Patricia McAdam Richter, 1959
Kay Park Seeliger, 1962

BETA NU/FLORIDA STATE

Pat Mead Barton, 1959
Carole Cundiff Dampier, 1963
Martha Deubler, 1970
Alice Guinand Kourchenko, 1954
Kathy Mangum Smith, 1963
Anne Bragdon Westhafer, 1956

BETA XI/UCLA

Darby Bukowski-Byam, 2010
Martha Murlin Coleman, 1950
Diane Duncan, 1971
Jackie Kinney Howard, 1950
Carolyn Willis Vena, 1959
Marilyn Fyke von KleinSmid-Randolph, 1959
Lorna Kiech Wallen, 1956

BETA OMICRON/IOWA

Mary Feltes Lanscioni, 1957
Zoe Fitch Pearson, 1955

BETA PI/MICHIGAN STATE

Joan Harris Brackenbury, 1950
Judy Ricketts Burland, 1954
Nancy Gass Campbell, 1948
Michelle Beck Christensen, 1980
Nan Hannah Cunningham, 1952
Barbara Schimmel Cvengros, 1947
Petie King Forbush, 1949
Barbara Hafford Jones, 1942
Pat Fisher Kline, 1942
Louise Stribley LaNouette, 1952
Prentice Leverich, 1976
Doreen Fante McPhail-Kohr, 1951
Zaiga Kuze Moon, 1961
Jan MacDougall Snider, 1951
Jan Morford Stewart, 1955

BETA SIGMA/SMU

Beth Blackbird Bryan, 1982
M.K. Alger Carlson, 1954
Jean Irwin Crow, 1953
Mary Hagen Fox, 1951
Jean White Higgins, 1948
Ann Vanwinkle Hooker, 1950
Helen Zaenglein Miner, 1954
Elizabeth Gay Pfisterer, 1979
Lauren Sanchez, 2005
Dorothy Vaughan, 1949
Mary Ann Bowman Wilson, 1946

BETA TAU/DENISON

Darby Bukowski-Byam, 2010
Martha Murlin Coleman, 1950
Diane Duncan, 1971
Jackie Kinney Howard, 1950
Carolyn Willis Vena, 1959
Marilyn Fyke von KleinSmid-Randolph, 1959
Lorna Kiech Wallen, 1956

BETA UPSILON/BRITISH COLUMBIA

Cady Sartorius, 2004

BETA PHI/PENN STATE

Barbara Moore Foster, 1958
Nancy Bailey Judy, 1952
Betsy Welch Lennon, 1964
Nancy Ward Ray, 1953
Pat Spangler Wengert, 1958

BETA CHI/ALBERTA

Lorna Wood Connolly, 1946
Janice Florendine, 1969
Shirley Smith Gifford, 1950
Selma Hamilton Hardin, 1948
Doris Roper Moonie, 1948
Barbara Cornett Robison, 1958
Patricia Mohler Smith, 1956

BETA PSI/MCGILL

Martha Morgan McKenna, 1946

BETA OMEGA/COLORADO COLLEGE

Janet Rosengren Goodwin, 1958
Elizabeth Meister McKenna, 1949
Marianne Smith Mishmash, 1955
Cynthia Wahle, 1947
Barbara Neeley Yalich, 1950

GAMMA GAMMA/ROLLINS

Denise Kelce, 1979
Catherine Lloyd, 1961
Barbara McIntire, 1955
Janette Hopkins Taylor, 1970
Linda Etten Vann, 1968

GAMMA DELTA/GEORGIA

Pat Binneveld Benson, 1967
Anna Archer Dixon, 1944
Nancy Joiner Hiatt, 1968
Judy Robertson Johnson, 1958
Aleene Hood Kight, 1958
Jolaine Wood Lanier, 1961
Judy Hubert Manning, 1961
Janet Emmons McKean, 1955
Micky Wieder Pearch, 1950
Lucy Willis Rainey, 1966

GAMMA ZETA/CONNECTICUT

Jane Backman Fox, 1964
Phyllis Kowalski Martin, 1953
Pat Hammel Pierce, 1948
Lois Davis Waller, 1946

GAMMA ETA/MASSACHUSETTS

Michele Potvin Piecuch, 1963

GAMMA THETA/CARNEGIE MELLON

Joan Jamison, 1947
Kay Kleinerman, 1977
Martha Slocum Sutherland, 1946

GAMMA IOTA/KENTUCKY

Judy Fransen Long, 1959
Amina Rishi, 1984
Maureen Mefford Veach, 1951
Sally Brown Walton, 1970

GAMMA KAPPA/GEORGE WASHINGTON

Myrta Wiley Price, 1951

GAMMA NU/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Arlene Hedahl Hamernik, 1955
Edith Hawkins Hansen, 1951
Marilynn Alme Peterson, 1959

GAMMA XI/SAN JOSE STATE

Anne van Leeuwen, 1964

GAMMA OMICRON/NEW MEXICO

Marsha Roberts Daly, 1964
Sheilah Purcell Garcia, 1956
Betty Bennett Kopke, 1952
Judith Nelson, 1959
Maria Downing Pope, 1962

GAMMA PI/IOWA STATE

Sally Peterson Goeser, 1957
Jean Rinehart Hartman, 1949
Patti Hildebrand Spatcher, 1962

GAMMA RHO/UC SANTA BARBARA

Gloria Byrnes Jones, 1950
Maggie Price Kellogg, 1950
Doloras Jolly Manclark, 1952
Judith Wood Ussher, 1956

GAMMA TAU/TULSA

Peggy Russell Colby, 1958
Barbara Stuart Stilson, 1954

GAMMA UPSILON/MIAMI

Nancy Bush Millhouse, 1956
Lucille Wolf Schell, 1951

GAMMA PHI/TEXAS TECH

Glenda Keith Guyton, 1957
Anne Reed Rooth, 1963
Patsy Taylor Sloan, 1959

GAMMA CHI/FRESNO STATE

Marianne Cameron Angelillo, 1986
Terry Bennetts Johnson, 1961
Lois Lusk McFarland, 1953
Karen Knourek Rooney, 1963
Eugenie Madden Watson, 1957

GAMMA PSI/TCU

Mary Jane Ware Howe, 1961
Judith Roberts Hughes, 1960
Susan Farmer Martens, 1966
Cyndi Michael Sanford, 1970
Betty Keenan Taylor, 1970

DELTA DELTA/WHITMAN

Kathy Schwartz Schroeder, 1968

DELTA ZETA/EMORY

Roberta Baughman Furlow, 1960
Nancy Stovall Wilbanks, 1959
Diane Daniel Wilkinson, 1965

DELTA ETA/KANSAS STATE

Laurie Evans Smith, 1970

DELTA THETA/FLORIDA

Marcia Griffin Chambers, 1966

DELTA KAPPA/LSU

Victoria McRoberts Copeland, 2003
Belinda Brown Hazel, 1975

DELTA NU/ARKANSAS

Laura Rush Brown, 1982

DELTA OMICRON/ALABAMA

Siena Hoffman, 2023
Becky Richards Nichols, 1977

DELTA RHO/SOUTH FLORIDA

Linda Keeneth Townsend, 1969

DELTA TAU/MONTANA STATE

Susan Linnell Cunningham, 1977

DELTA UPSILON/EASTERN KENTUCKY

Jodi Fox Clark, 1973
Barbara Ellington Ramser, 1988

DELTA OMEGA/TEXAS A&M

Denise Dafcik Padfield, 1981

EPSILON EPSILON/BAYLOR

Lisa Mayes, 1981
Linda Sirera, 2019

DELTA CHI/VIRGINIA

Jane Mesic Quilhot, 1977

EPSILON ETA/CENTRE

Mary Gumbert Moloney, 1982

EPSILON MU/PRINCETON

Kelly Bailer Krauss, 1989

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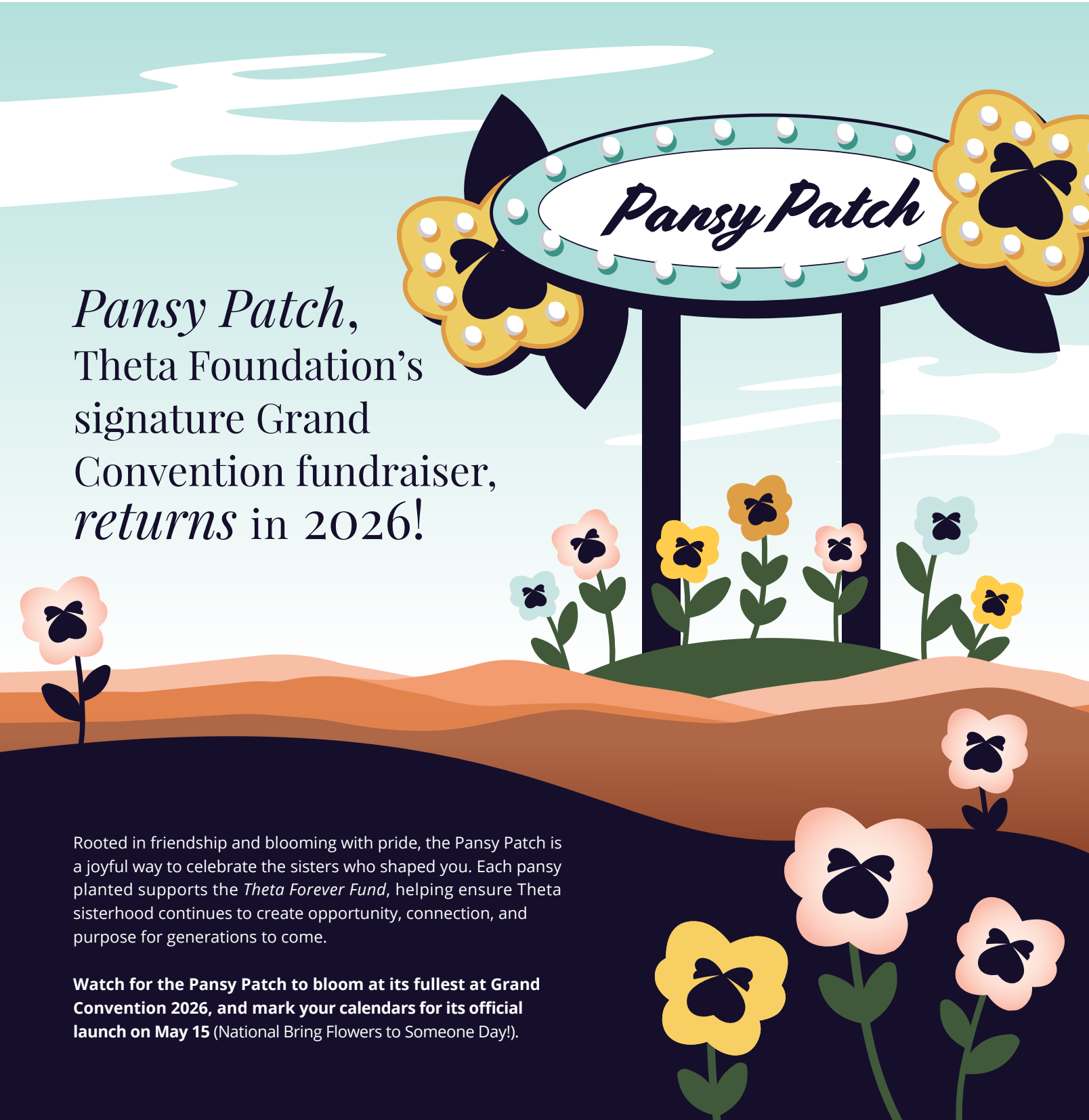

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